

28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is a nonabsorbable biocompatible solution.

29. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of mannitol and sorbitol.

30. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of a sugar, glucose, glycerol, sucrose, raffinose, fructose, and lactulose.

31. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of polyethyleneglycol (PEG), maltodextrin, dextran, and dextran 70.

32. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is an extract from a natural herb.

33. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of a growth factor and prolactin.

REMARKS

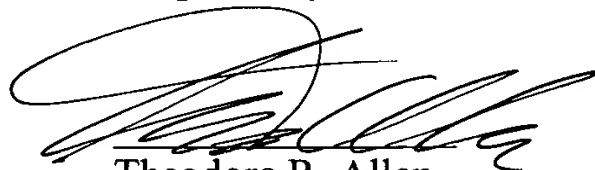
Claims 1, 6, and 22-27 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 6-11 and 22-27 have been rejected. Claims 12-21, and 28-33 were previously withdrawn. Claims 2-5 and 7-11 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Applicant believes that the amended Listing

of Claims section is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 502855, referencing Attorney Docket No. 12.023011.

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